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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the Patent Office on March 18, 2004. Applicants believe that no fee is due upon entry of this response to restriction requirement, but if any fee is due, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0531. Applicants respectfully request entry of this response in satisfaction of the restriction requirement in the aforementioned Office action.

REMARKS

The aforementioned Office action indicates that a restriction to one of the following claim groups is required:

- I. Claims 1-15 and 30-32
- II. Claims 16-24
- III. Claims 25-29

Applicants hereby elect **Group II** (claims 16-24), with traverse, expressly reserving the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the remaining non-elected claims present in the application.

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In order to advance the prosecution of this application or to resolve any outstanding issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at any time during prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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